



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John Edward Norris Morten
Serial No. : 09/977,221
Filed : October 16, 2001
Title : CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

Art Unit : 1634
Examiner : J.C. Einsmann

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed December 17, 2002, Applicant elects the invention of Group III (Claims 1 and 7) drawn to a method for the diagnosis of a polymorphism in P2X7 and the use of a P2X7 gene as a genetic marker in a linkage study. In addition, Applicant elects the single nucleotide polymorphism corresponding to the nucleotide at position 1513 of SEQ ID NO:2 as the "single combination of polymorphisms" (p. 5 of the action) to be examined during prosecution. This election, however, is made with traverse, as discussed in the remarks below.

Further, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages (a total of ten, including this page). Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendments and remarks.

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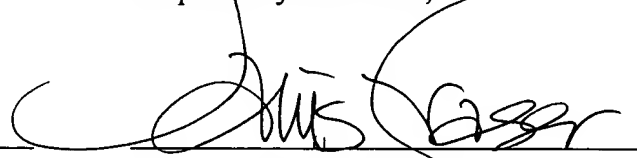
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A petition for a four-month extension of time and the required fee of \$1450 is enclosed.
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